

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1.-3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 6, further comprising domain I of the 5' NTR from a HCV 5'NTR.
5. (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 6, further comprising domain II of the 5' NTR from a HCV 5'NTR.
6. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a chimeric GBV-B polynucleotide encoding a virus comprising domain III of the 5' NTR from a HCV 5'NTR, and at least part of a structural protein coding region of HCV or at least part of a non-structural protein coding region of HCV.
7. (Original) The polynucleotide of claim 6, wherein the 5' NTR domain Ib of GBV-B is deleted.
8. (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 6, further comprising domain IV of the 5' NTR from a HCV 5'NTR.
9. (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 6, further comprising domain I and domain II of the 5' NTR from a HCV 5'NTR.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 6, further comprising domain I and domain IV of the 5' NTR from a HCV 5'NTR.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 6, further comprising domain II and domain IV of the 5' NTR from a HCV 5'NTR.

14.-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 6, wherein said polynucleotide is DNA.

18. (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 6, wherein said polynucleotide is RNA.

19.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A viral expression construct comprising a chimeric GBV-B polynucleotide comprising domain III of the 5' NTR from a HCV 5' NTR, and at least part of a structural protein coding region of HCV or at least part of a non-structural protein coding region of HCV.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) The viral expression construct of claim 21, further comprising a deletion of the GBV-B 5' NTR domain Ib region.

24. (Original) The viral expression construct of claim 21, wherein said construct is a plasmid.

25. (Original) The viral expression construct of claim 21, wherein said construct is a virus.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28.-58. (Canceled)